GOVERNOR CUOMO ANNOUNCES SKI RESORTS ALLOWED TO REOPEN WITH 50 PERCENT INDOOR CAPACITY BEGINNING NOVEMBER 6

Masks Required When Not Eating, Drinking or Skiing, Lifts Restricted to Members of the Same Party, Thorough Cleaning and Disinfection of Rented Equipment and Other Health and Safety Protocols Required

Statewide Positivity Rate is 1.08 Percent

Positive Testing Rate in Hot Spot Areas is 3.19 Percent; New York State Positivity Without Red Zone Focus Areas Included is 1.0 Percent

7 COVID-19 Deaths in New York State Yesterday

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that ski resorts can reopen with 50 percent indoor capacity and with strict health and safety protocols under state-issued guidance <u>starting Friday</u>, <u>November 6</u>.

"Scientists have told us the virus is going to become more aggressive in the fall, and right now, we are all feeling COVID-fatigue, but our micro-cluster strategy is a smart, data-driven and less disruptive strategy to get us through this season. And so far, the data shows the micro-cluster strategy is working to bring infection rates down in our red zone areas," **Governor Cuomo said.** "Beginning next month, Ski resorts will be allowed to reopen with limited indoor capacity, which will allow New Yorkers to have some outdoor activity this winter without having to quarantine when they come back."

State guidance on the reopening of ski resorts includes the following precautions:

- Masks required at all times, except when eating/drinking or skiing.
- Social distancing between parties required at all times.
- Restrict gondolas/lifts to members of the same party.
- Limit ski lessons to no more than 10 people.
- Thorough cleaning and disinfection of shared/rented equipment.
- Shuttles, food & beverage, retail service must conform to Stateissued guidance.
- Reduce outdoor capacity on mountain by 25% during "peak" days or
 if multiple trails are closed due to unseasonable conditions.